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Applicant : F.

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For

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3621

Examiner

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RESPONSE- 37 C.F.R. 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed MARCH 24, 2006, the term for response to which expires on APRIL 24, 2006.

## ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect Invention I, claims 1-4 for further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed on the basis of the election set forth above.

It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

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Nalini P. Sahadeo

Dated: April 24, 2006

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